



## **Antoinette F. Downing Preservation Fund for Rhode Island**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation invites applications from public municipalities and nonprofit organizations to apply for the Antoinette F. Downing Preservation Fund for Rhode Island. This Fund was created in memory of the late Antoinette Forrester Downing who was a charismatic leader and exemplary advocate for Rhode Island's preservation community since the 1930s. To honor the work of Antoinette Downing, an endowed special fund in Rhode Island was created in 1984 designed to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects. These grants act as a catalyst to inspire community support and are for the protection of Rhode Island's historic resources.

The **Preservation Fund** provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies matching grants from \$500 to \$5,000 (typically from \$1,000 to \$1,500) for preservation planning and education efforts. Funds may be used to obtain professional expertise in areas such as architecture, archeology, engineering, preservation planning, land-use planning, fund raising, organizational development and law as well as preservation education activities to educate the public. Funds are not available to support construction and/or restoration costs. Application deadlines are February 1, June 1, and **October 1**. The application for the Downing Fund is the same application as the Preservation Fund, formerly known as the Preservation Services Fund, of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Below is a list of recent National Trust grants awarded in Rhode Island:

- **St. Ann Arts and Cultural Center**, Woonsocket, a \$2,433 grant was awarded to hire a consultant to create and implement a business plan and a three (3) year strategic plan.
- **Preserve Rhode Island**, Providence, a \$5,000 grant is being used to hire preservation consultant, Ruth Taylor, to lead a Strategic Planning Retreat.
- **Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association**, Jamestown, \$4,894 was awarded to hire consultants, Newport Collaborative Architects, Inc., to create a Conservation Plan.
- **Blackstone Valley Tourism**, Pawtucket, \$750 was granted to cover the cost of promotional materials for the Blackstone River Valley 'Footsteps in History' Preserve America Weekend.
- **Providence Preservation Society**, Providence, a \$700 grant was awarded to PPS to support their conference "Design Matters: A Forum for the Providence Waterfront."
- **Newport Restoration Foundation**, Newport, \$1,000 was granted to fund transportation cost associated with architectural and preservation-related study tours at the US ICOMOS 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference.
- **Preservation Society of Pawtucket**, Pawtucket, \$500 was granted to reduce cost incurred from printing and graphics for their workshop titled, "Repair vs. Replacement – Solutions for Old Windows."

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